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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Dear Sir:

With respect to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance for the allowed claims as set forth in Notice of Allowability dated July 14, 2005, Applicants agree with the Examiner that the pending claims are allowable over the prior art. However, the pending claims recite a combination of features, and patentability of these claims resides in those combinations. As such, there may be additional basis for patentability beyond those specifically identified by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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